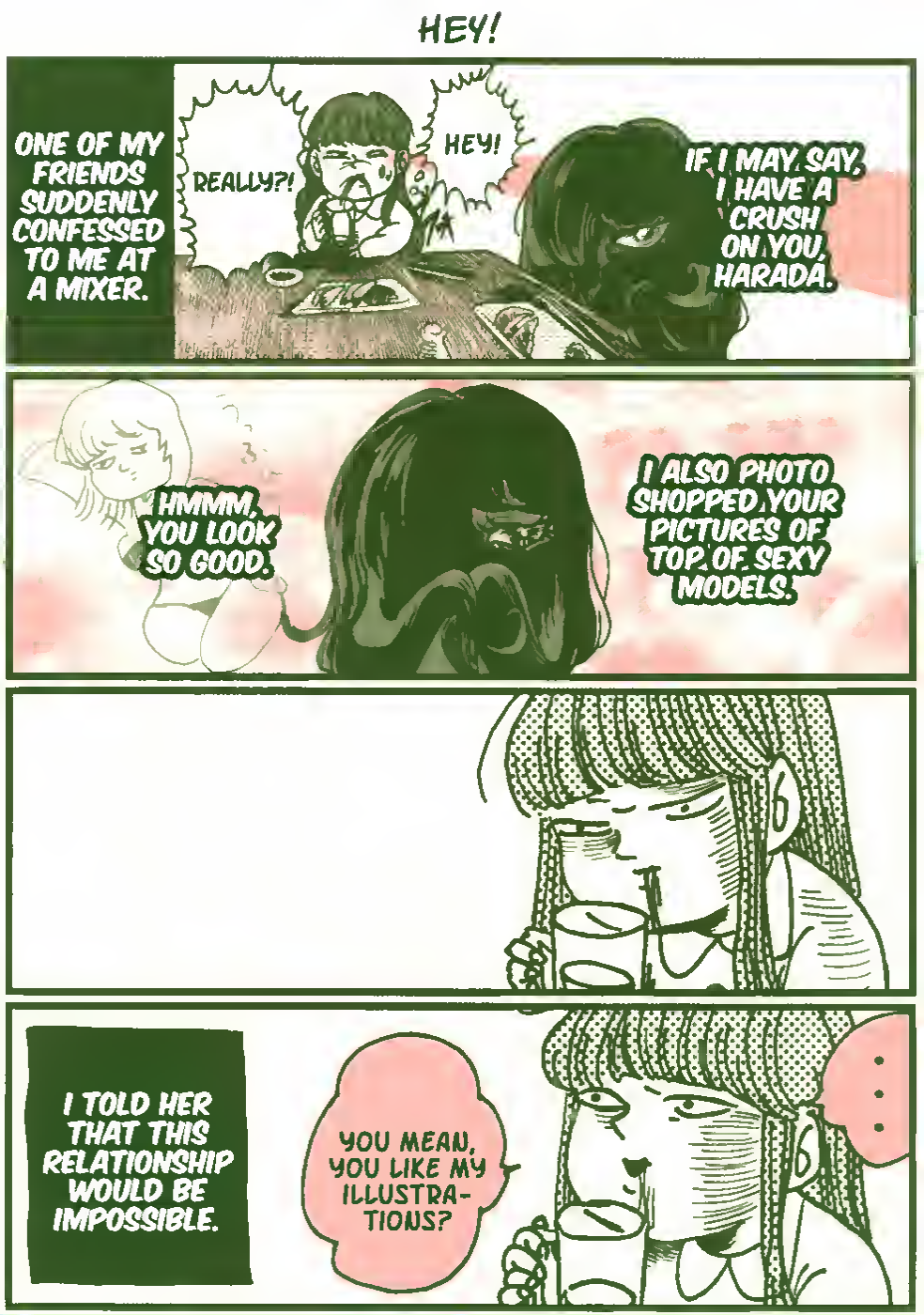
Part 4
Fake Friends


HEY!
ONE OF MY FRIENDS SUDDENLY CONFESSED TO ME AT A MIXER.
REALLY?!
HEY!
IF I MAY SAY, I HAVE A CRUSH ON YOU, HARADA.
HMMM, YOU LOOK SO GOOD.
I ALSO PHOTO SHOPPED YOUR PICTURES OF TOP OF SEXY MODELS.
I TOLD HER THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU MEAN, YOU LIKE MY ILLUSTRA-TIONS?
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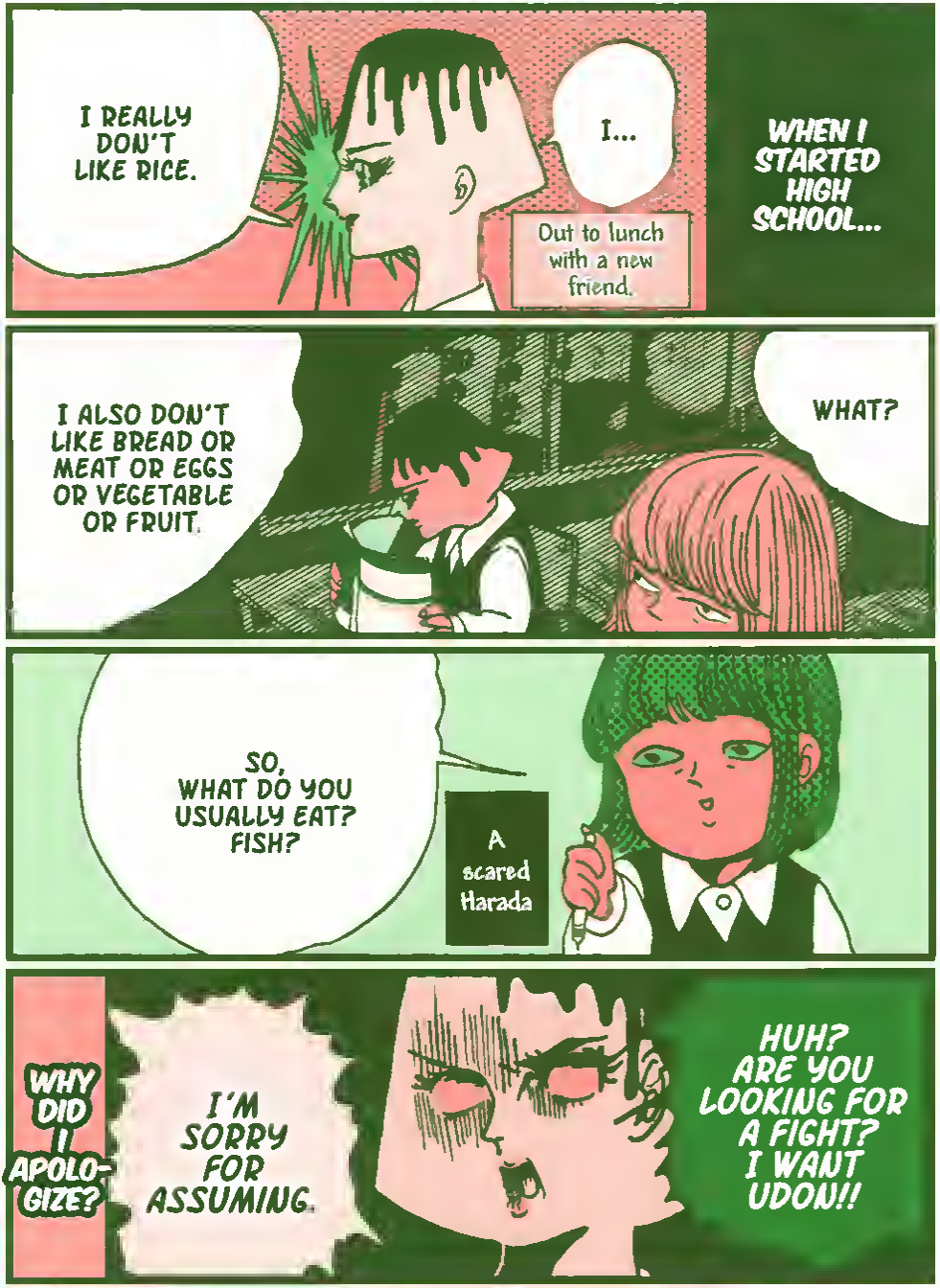
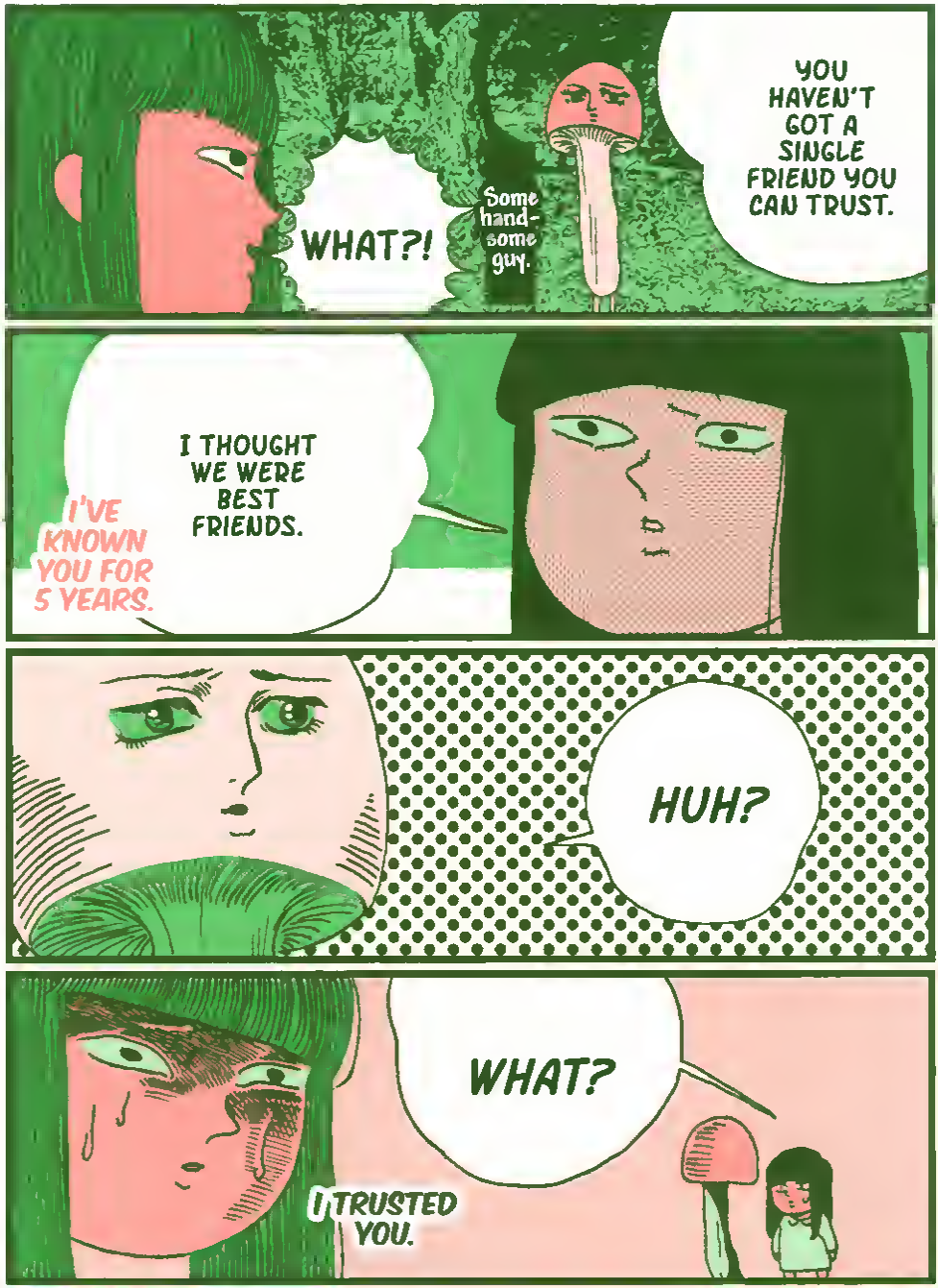
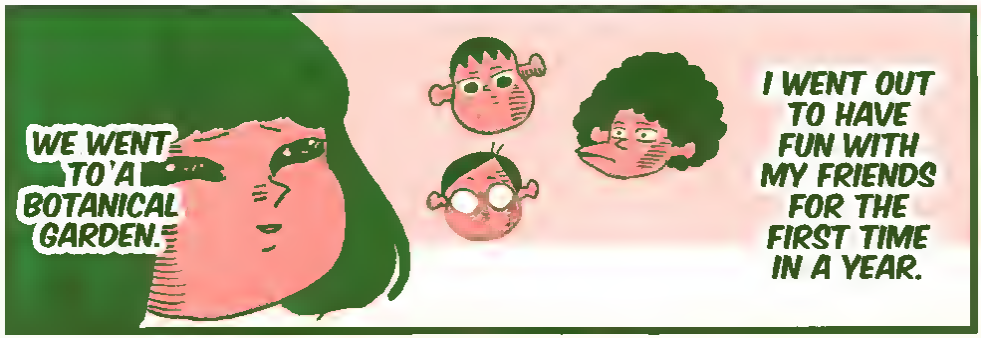
OUT WITH A GIRL FOR THE FIRST TIME


I REALLY DON'T LIKE RICE.
I...
Out to lunch with a new friend.
WHEN I STARTED HIGH SCHOOL...
I ALSO DON'T LIKE BREAD OR MEAT OR EGGS OR VEGETABLE OR FRUIT.
WHAT?
SO, WHAT DO YOU USUALLY EAT? FISH?
A scared Harada
WHY DID I APOLO-GIZE?
I'M SORRY FOR ASSUMING.
HUH? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FIGHT? I WANT UDON!!

BEST FRIEND

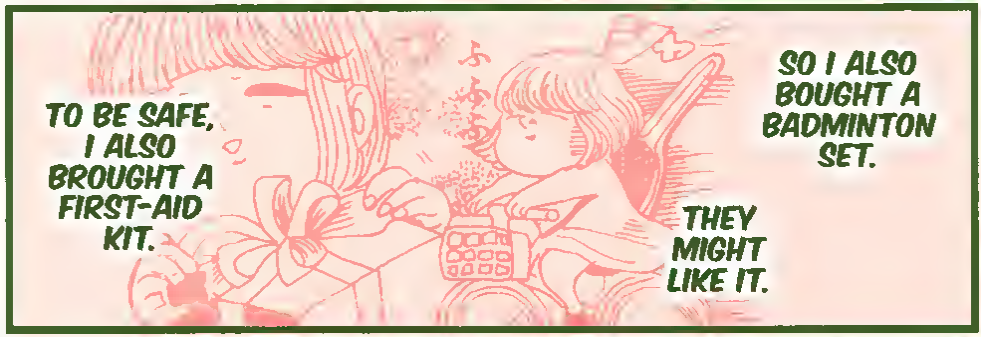

WHAT?!
Some hand-some guy.
YOU HAVEN'T GOT A SINGLE FRIEND YOU CAN TRUST.
I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR 5 YEARS.
I THOUGHT WE WERE BEST FRIENDS.
HUH?
WHAT?
I TRUSTED YOU.

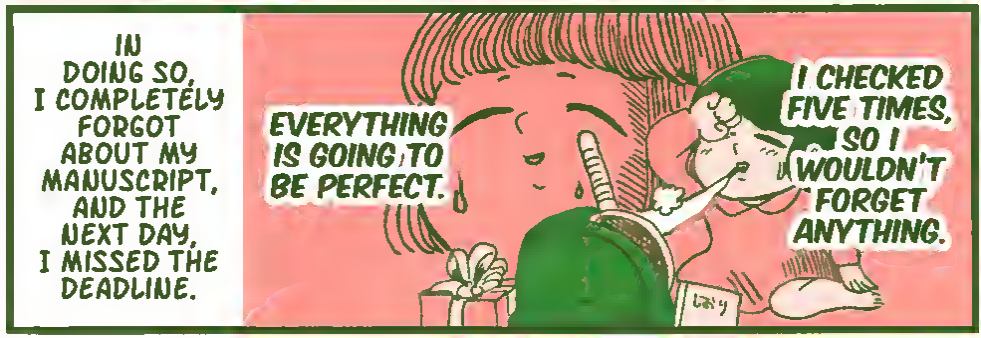
ME


WE WENT TO A BOTANICAL GARDEN.
I WENT OUT TO HAVE FUN WITH MY FRIENDS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A YEAR.

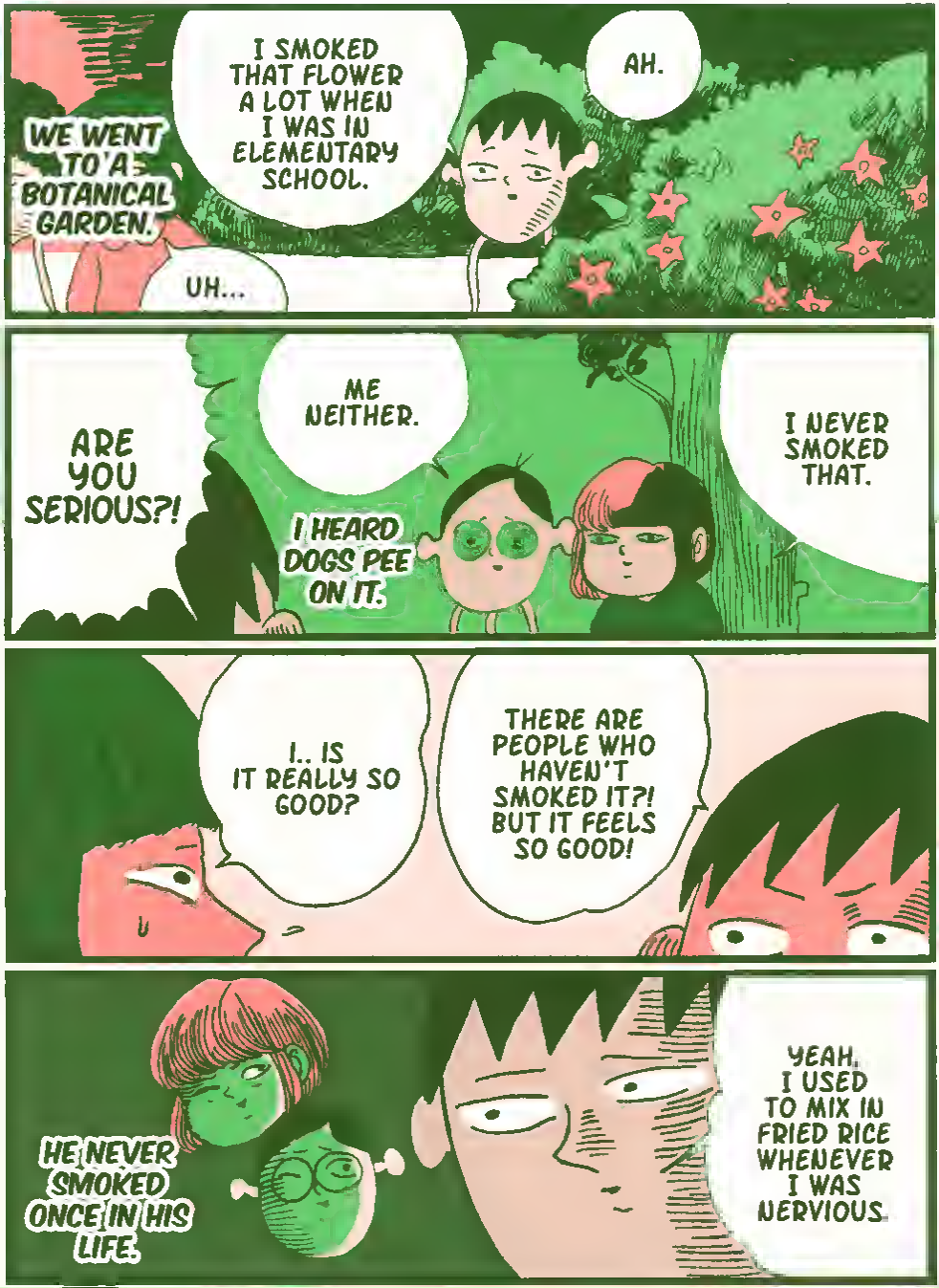
SERIOUSLY...
THIS PLACE LOOKS NICE.

I hang out mostly with men
I want to do something girly
I got this.

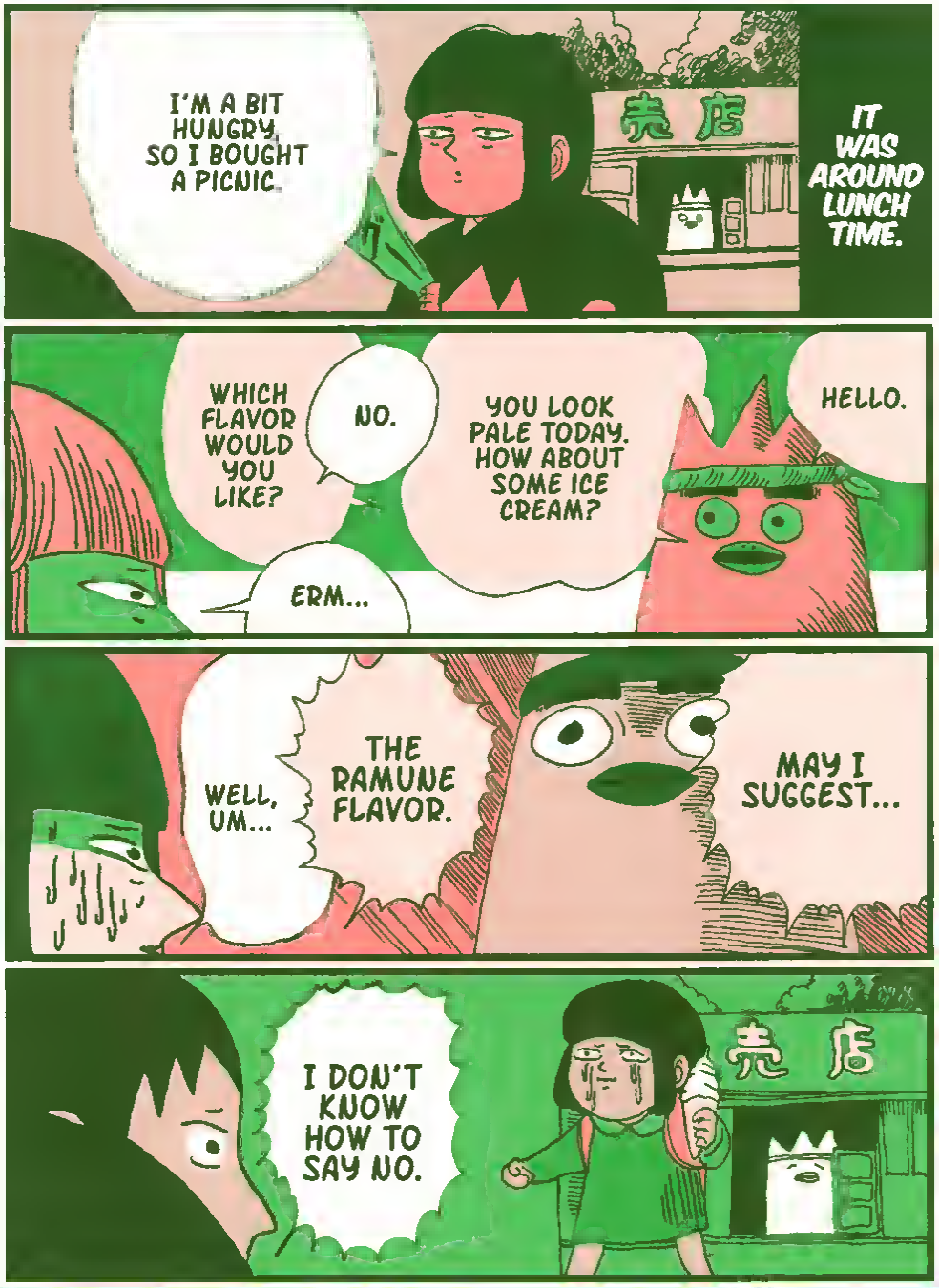

TO BE SAFE, I ALSO BROUGHT A FIRST-AID KIT.
SO I ALSO BOUGHT A BADMINTON SET.
THEY MIGHT LIKE IT.


IN DOING SO, I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT MY MANUSCRIPT, AND THE NEXT DAY, I MISSED THE DEADLINE.
EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE PERFECT.
I CHECKED FIVE TIMES, SO I WOULDN'T FORGET ANYTHING.

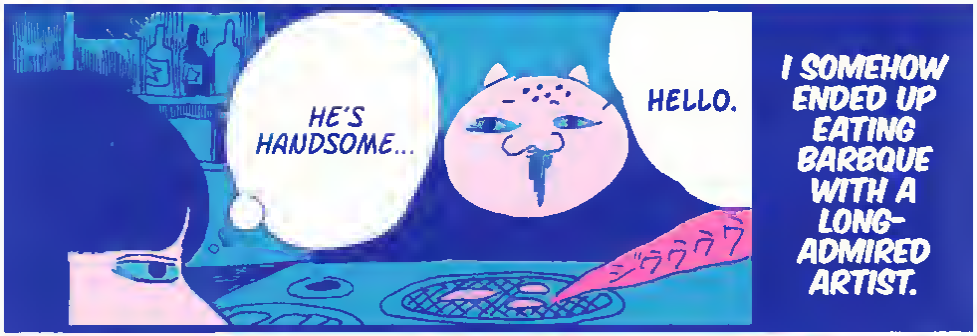
AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

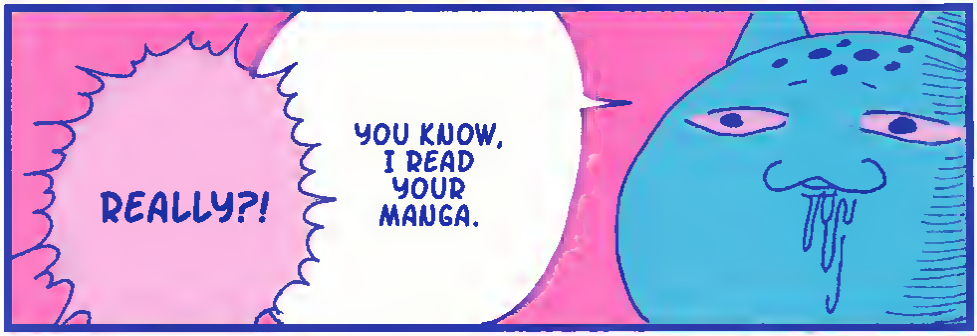

WE WENT TO A BOTANICAL GARDEN.
UH...
I SMOKED THAT FLOWER A LOT WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
AH.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
ME NEITHER.
I HEARD DOGS PEE ON IT.
I NEVER SMOKED THAT.
I.. IS IT REALLY SO GOOD?
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T SMOKED IT?! BUT IT FEELS SO GOOD!
HE NEVER SMOKED ONCE IN HIS LIFE.
YEAH. I USED TO MIX IN FRIED RICE WHENEVER I WAS NERVIOUS.

AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN #2

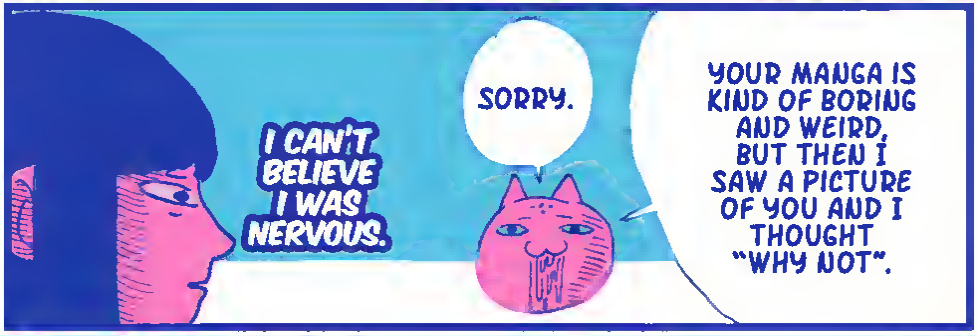


COURAGE

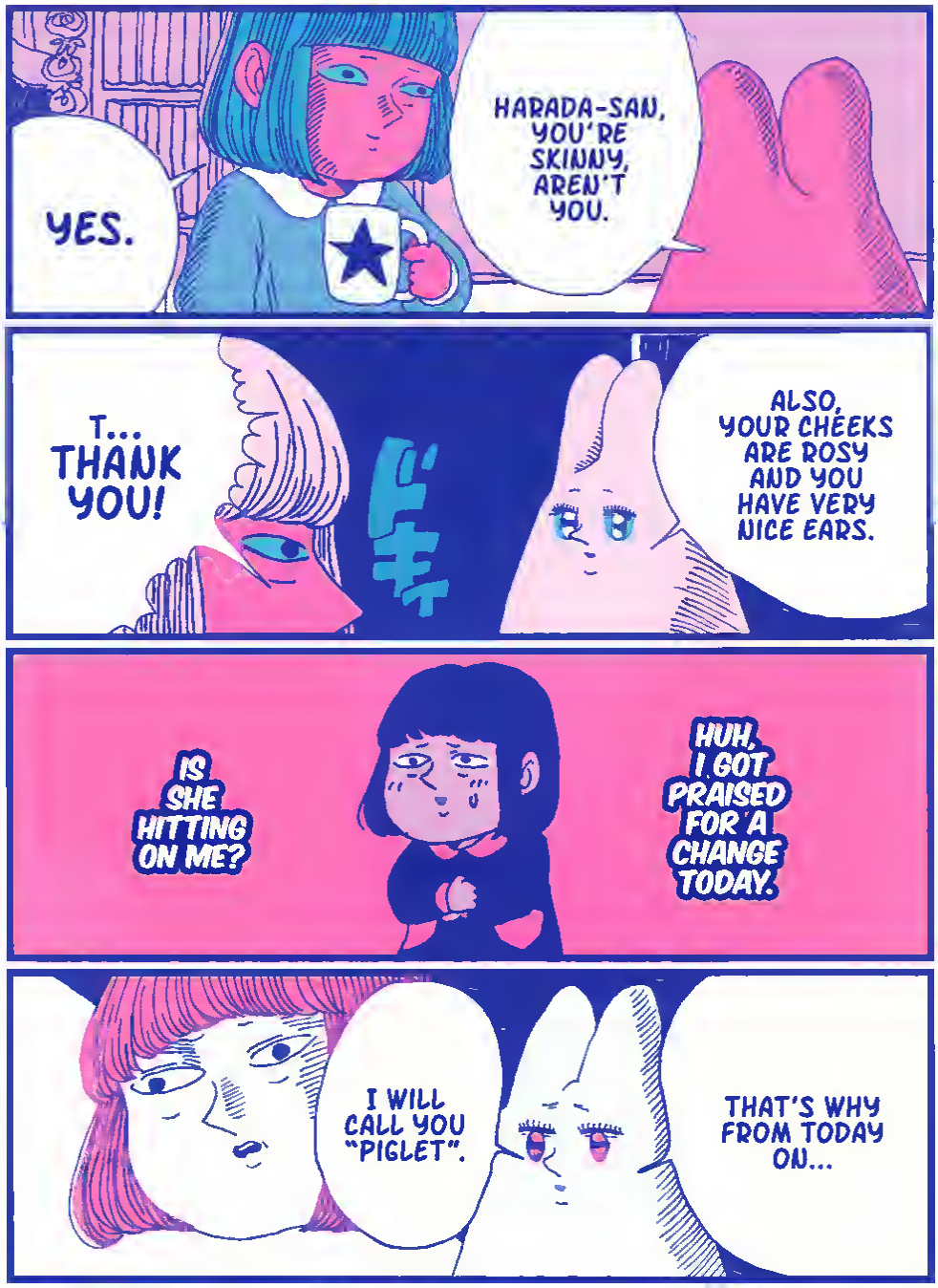

HE'S HANDSOME...
HELLO.
I SOMEHOW ENDED UP EATING BARBQUE WITH A LONG-ADMIRED ARTIST.


REALLY?!
YOU KNOW, I READ YOUR MANGA.

I ALSO WANT TO GET IT ON WITH YOU.
I'M HAPPY.


I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS NERVOUS.
SORRY.
YOUR MANGA IS KIND OF BORING AND WEIRD, BUT THEN I SAW A PICTURE OF YOU AND I THOUGHT "WHY NOT".

I GIVE UP


YES.
HARADA-SAN, YOU'RE SKINNY, AREN'T YOU.
T... THANK YOU!
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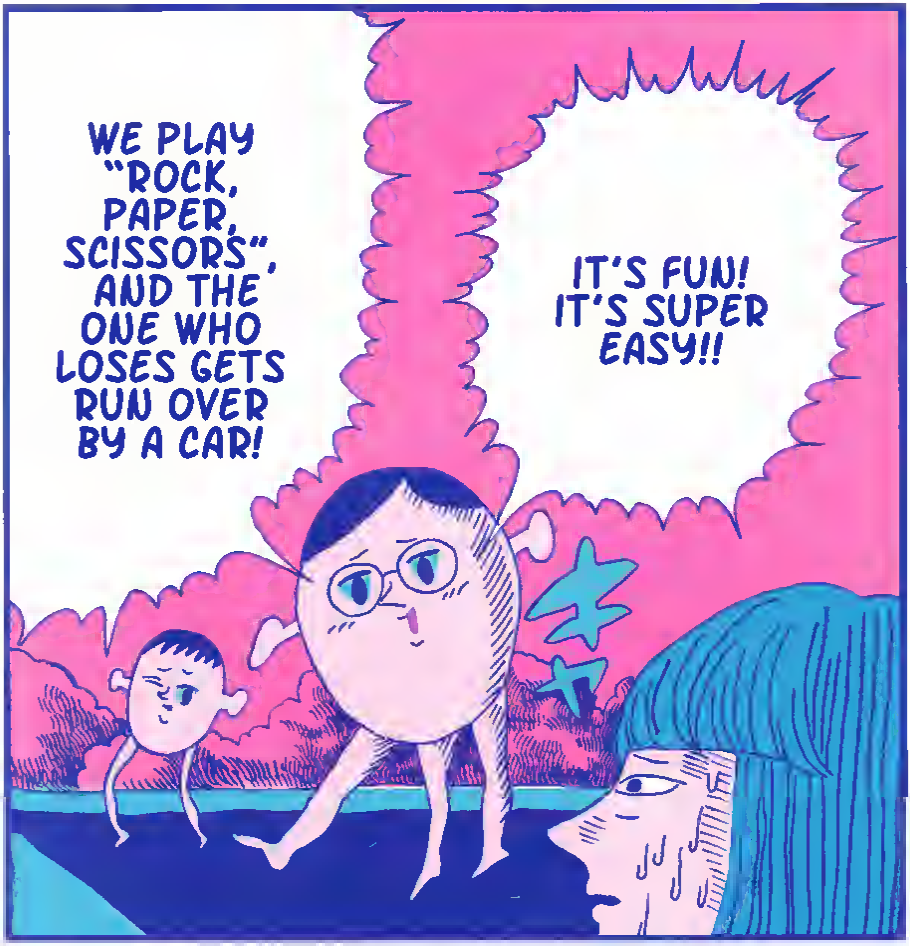
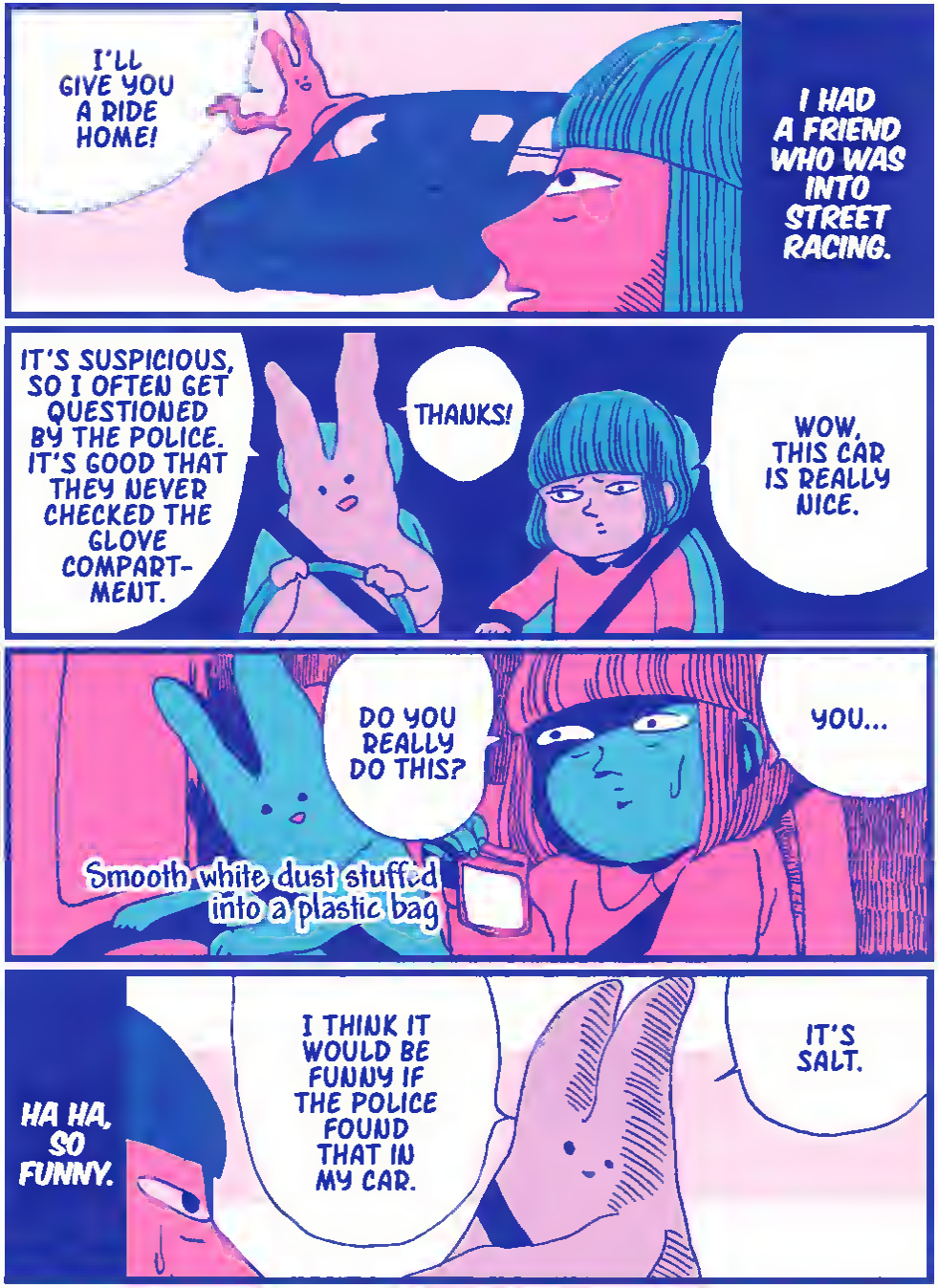
ALSO, YOUR CHEEKS ARE ROSY AND YOU HAVE VERY NICE EARS.
IS SHE HITTING ON ME?
HUH, I GOT PRAISED FOR A CHANGE TODAY.
I WILL CALL YOU "PIGLET".
THAT'S WHY FROM TODAY ON...

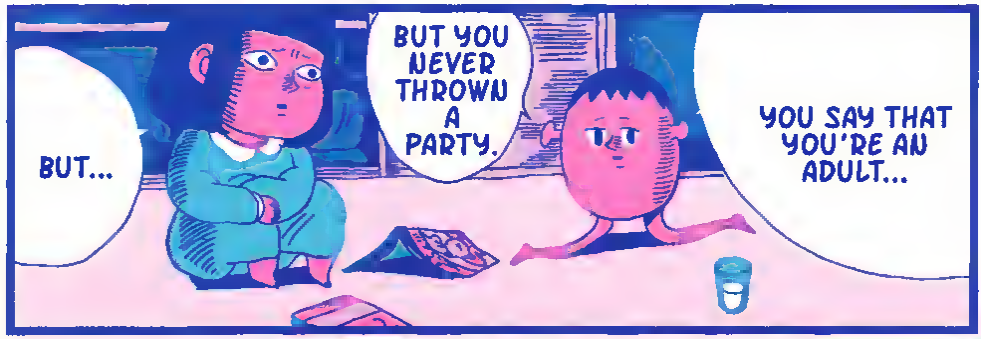
NEW GAME A FRIEND THOUGHT OF

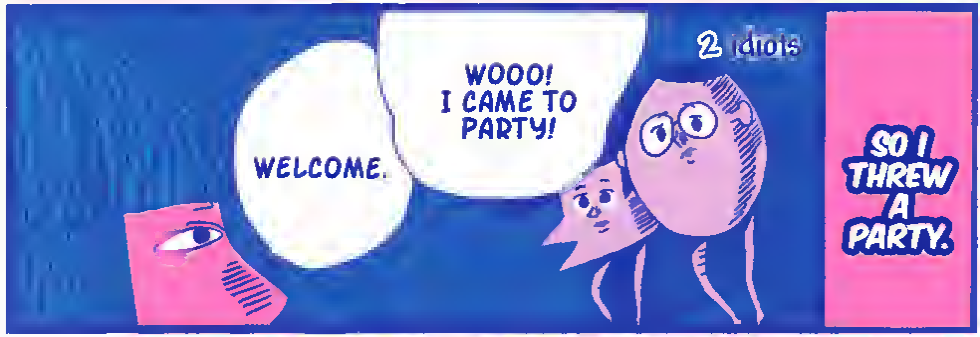


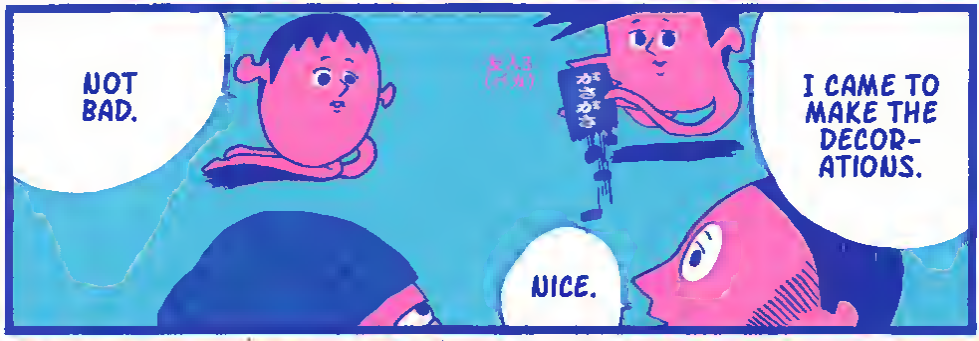
STREET RACER


I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE HOME!
I HAD A FRIEND WHO WAS INTO STREET RACING.
IT'S SUSPICIOUS, SO I OFTEN GET QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE. IT'S GOOD THAT THEY NEVER CHECKED THE GLOVE COMPART-MENT.
THANKS!
WOW, THIS CAR IS REALLY NICE.
DO YOU REALLY DO THIS?
YOU...
Smooth white dust stuffed into a plastic bag
HA HA, SO FUNNY.
I THINK IT WOULD BE FUNNY IF THE POLICE FOUND THAT IN MY CAR.
IT'S SALT.

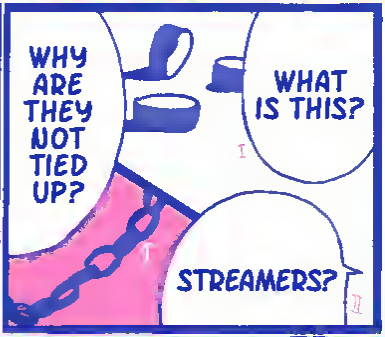
PARTY


BUT...
BUT YOU NEVER THROWN A PARTY.
YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE AN ADULT...

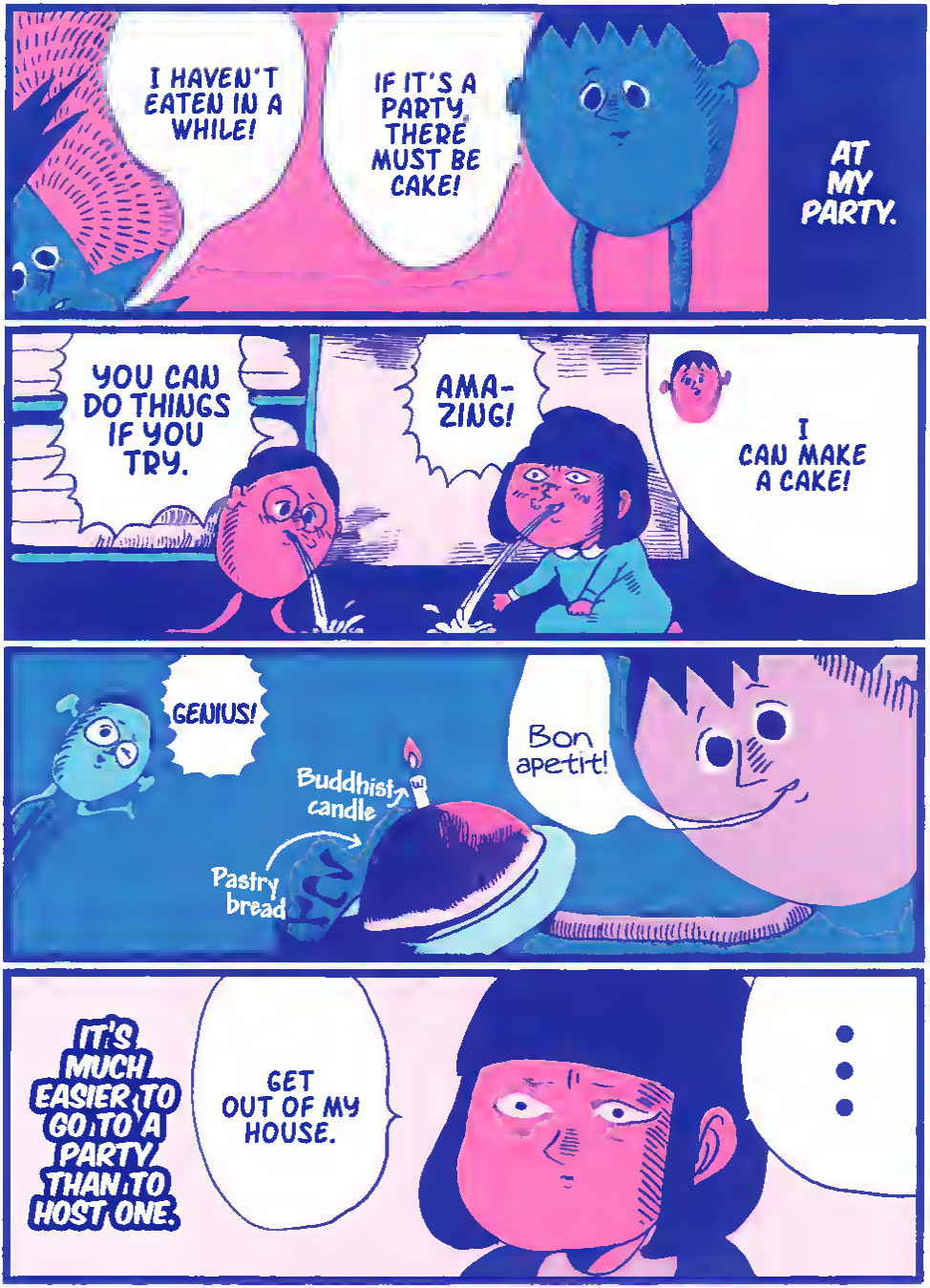

WELCOME.
WOOO! I CAME TO PARTY!
2 idiots
SO I THREW A PARTY.


NOT BAD.
NICE.
I CAME TO MAKE THE DECOR-ATIONS.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT.
IT SEEMED SO BASIC.


WHY ARE THEY NOT TIED UP?
WHAT IS THIS?
STREAMERS?

PARTY 2


I HAVEN'T EATEN IN A WHILE!
IF IT'S A PARTY, THERE MUST BE CAKE!
AT MY PARTY.
YOU CAN DO THINGS IF YOU TRY.
AMA-ZING!
I CAN MAKE A CAKE!
GENIUS!
Buddhist candle
Pastry bread
Bon apetit!
IT'S MUCH EASIER TO GO TO A PARTY THAN TO HOST ONE.
GET OUT OF MY HOUSE.
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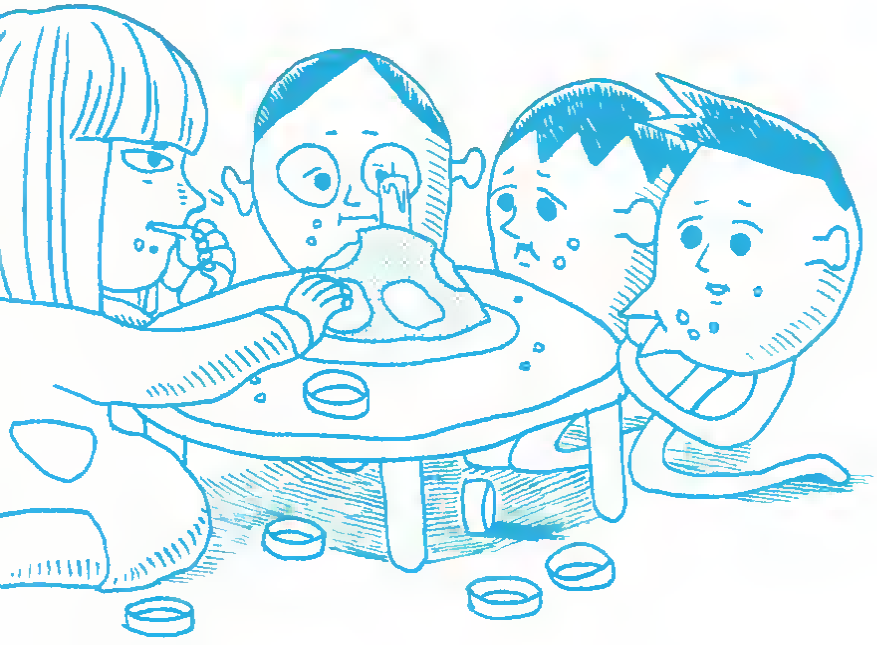
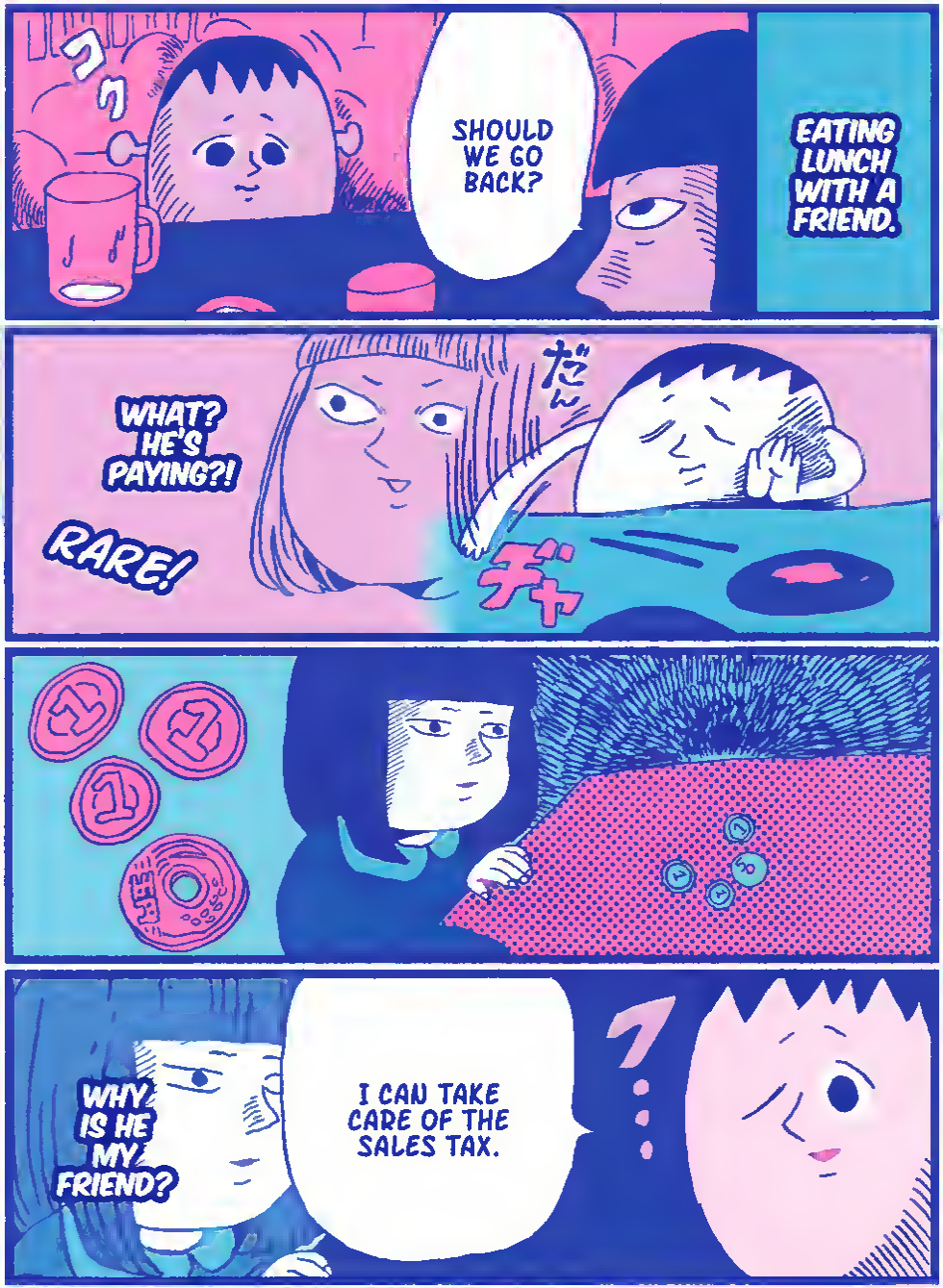


LUXURY


EATING LUNCH WITH A FRIEND.
SHOULD WE GO BACK?
WHAT? HE'S PAYING?!
RARE!
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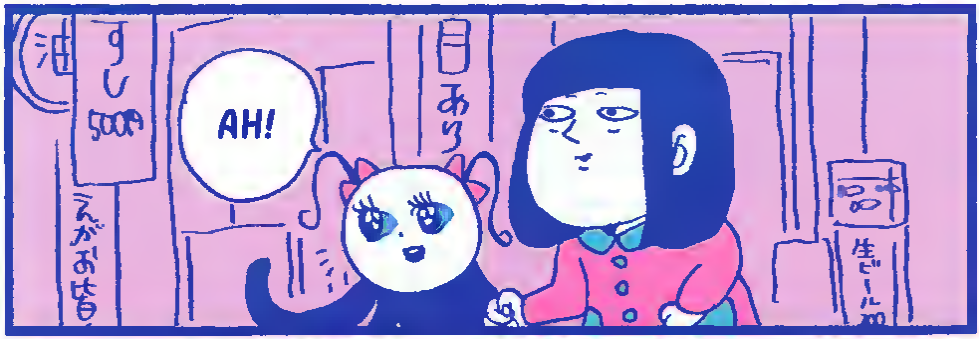
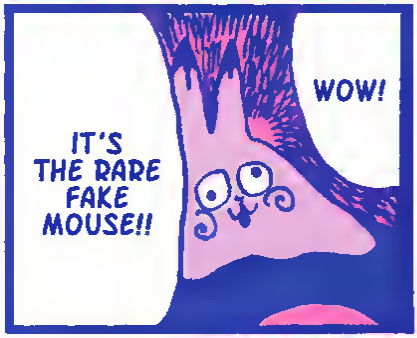
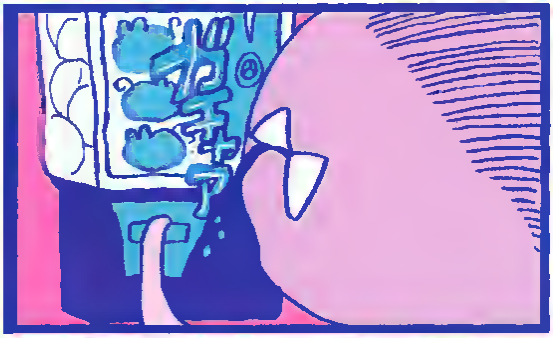
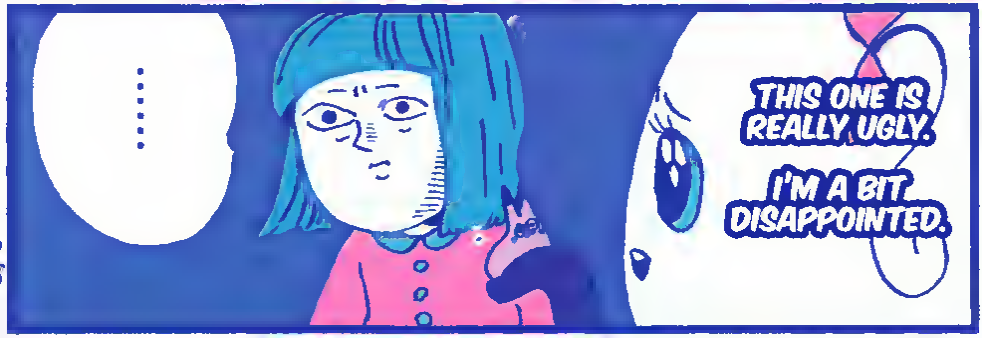
WHY IS HE MY FRIEND?
I CAN TAKE CARE OF THE SALES TAX.
7...

HANGING OUT WITH A FEMALE FRIEND

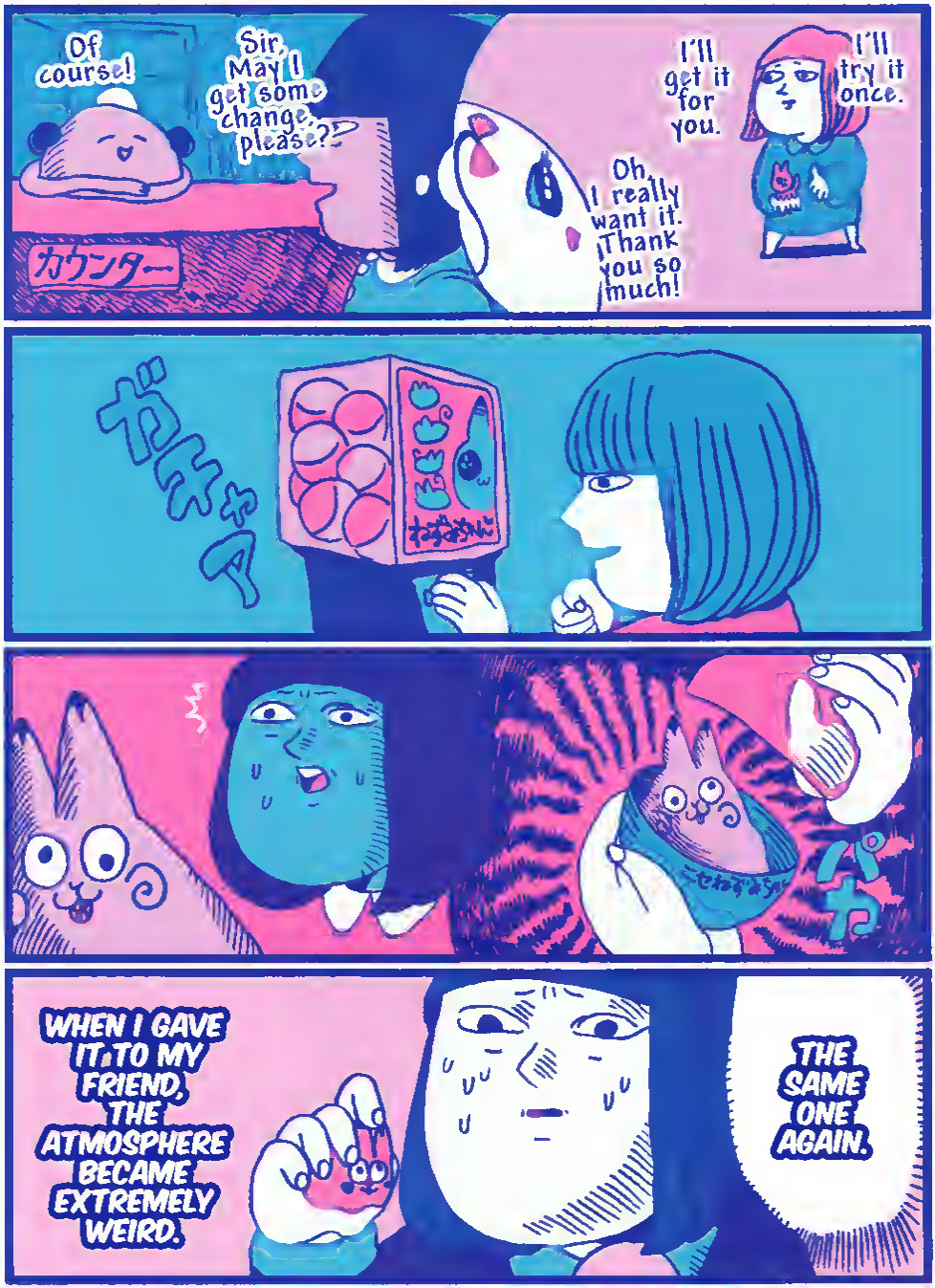








HANGING OUT WITH A FEMALE FRIEND #2


Of course!
Sir, May I get some change, please?!
カウンター
I'll get it for you.
Oh, I really want it. Thank you so much!
I'll try it once.
ガサッ
ねずみちゃん
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WHEN I GAVE IT TO MY FRIEND, THE ATMOSPHERE BECAME EXTREMELY WEIRD.
THE SAME ONE AGAIN.